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SUBJECT: CONTINUING OMANI INTEREST IN C-130 AIRCRAFT

1. IT APPEARS OMANI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (MOD) IS STILL INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING PURCHASE OF TWO LOCKHEED C-130 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT FOR SOAF. LOCKHEED-GEORGIA COMPANY'S REGIONAL MANAGER FOR INTERNATIONAL SALES, COL. T.S. WALKER, USAF RET., TOLD AMBASSADOR JANUARY 17 HE HAS SUBMITTED SALES OFFER TO ROBT. BROWNING, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF MOD, FOR TWO C-130 AIRCRAFT FROM NEW PRODUCTION. THEY COULD BE DELIVERED WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF CONTRACT SIGNING. WALKER SAID COST OF TWO AIRCRAFT PLUS SPARES FOR TWO YEARS WOULD BE ROUGHLY \$20 MILLION. THIS WOULD BE EXCLUSIVE OF MAINTENANCE, AIR CREWS AND RELATED TRAINING FOR ALL OF WHICH MOD WOULD PROBABLY CONTRACT WITH BRITISH FIRM SUCH AS AIRWORK LTD., PROVIDER OF SIMILAR SERVICES FOR EXISTING SOAF FLEET.

2. THOUGH WALKER SAID LOCKHEED DOES NOT YET HAVE FORMAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR REPRESENTATION IN OMAN, IT IS LIKELY ONE OF THE ZAWAWI FAMILY FIRMS WILL BECOME ITS SALES AGENT.

3. ASKED IF HE KNEW WHETHER MOD OR SOAF HAS DONE ANY DETAILED STUDY TO DEFINE OMAN'S MILITARY TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS AND
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JUSTIFY ACQUISITION OF SPECIFIC NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, WALTER REPLIED THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO SOAF CDR. ERIC BENNETT HAD PROMISED MOD TO DO THIS. WALKER DID NOT KNOW WHETHER SUCH A PAPER HAS ACTUALLY BEEN PREPARED.
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